

Guide to Online Game Check – DEER

This guide will walk you through the process of using the **MassFishHunt** system to check your deer online. Please take a few minutes and read through this guide before beginning.

All successful hunters must check their harvested deer within 48 hours either online through the **MassFishHunt** system or at a physical check station. **Remember, you can only check your deer online during the archery and primitive seasons. All deer harvested during the shogun season must be brought to a physical checkstation.** This is for two reasons: 1) to ensure our staff has adequate biological data and 2) to evaluate whether there is a change in reporting rate with the new online system.

To check a harvested deer online, there are a few, but very important pieces of information needed. Required information will include: town of harvest, zone of harvest, date and season of harvest, the deer's sex and number of points if antlered, how many deer you harvested to date, hunting equipment used, and whether the deer was taken on private or public land. In addition and if available, optional data questions will include: deer weight, whether the deer was gutted, and whether the weight is an estimate or from a scale. **Please use care when entering information on the harvested deer into the *MassFishHunt* system, particularly with the date of harvest and the town and zone.**

Remember the harvest tag must remain attached to the deer throughout this process. After the completion of the online game check, a confirmation number will be generated that must be written on the harvest tag. NOTE: Deer must be checked BEFORE being processed for food or taxidermy purposes.

Please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (DFW) during business hours at 508-389-6300 if you experience any issues checking a deer online.

1) To start, go to the official **MassFishHunt** webpage by clicking below, **or** copy and paste the following link into your webbrowser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) to reach the official **MassFishHunt** webpage.

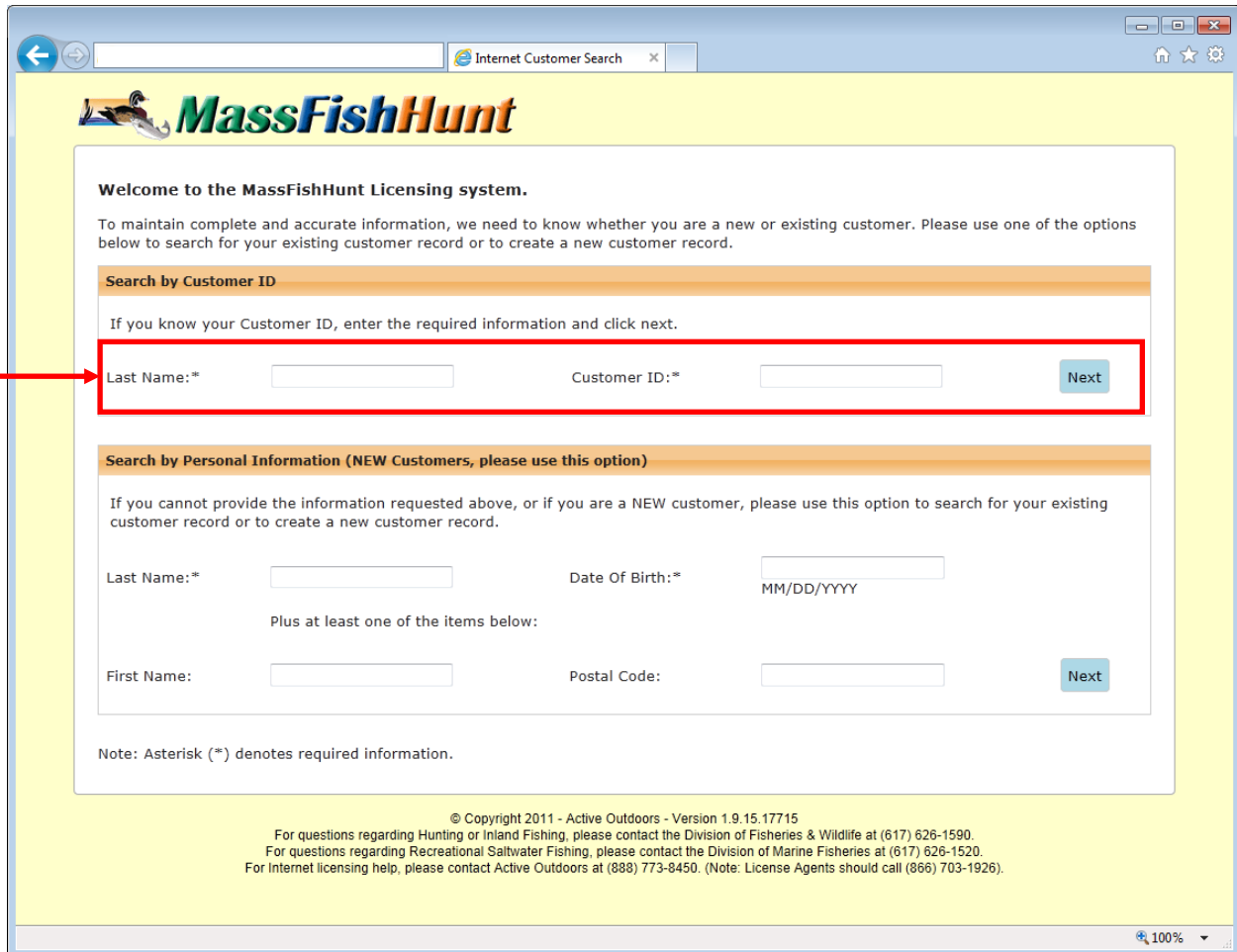
<http://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt>

The screenshot shows the Mass.gov website. The top navigation bar includes links for State Offices & Courts, State A-Z Topics, State Forms, and a No Active Alerts notification. Below this is the Energy and Environmental Affairs section, which includes a search bar and a list of categories: Agriculture, Energy & Utilities, Environmental Protection, Fisheries, Wildlife & Habitats, Water & Climate Change, Recreation & Conservation, and Services & Assistance. The main content area is titled 'MassFishHunt Licensing Information' and provides information about saltwater and freshwater fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, permits, and stamps. A red box highlights the 'Enter MassFishHunt' button, which is a yellow button with the text 'Enter MassFishHunt' in black and red. A red arrow points from the instruction text below to this button. The page also features a 'Licensing Info' sidebar with links to Licensing Information, Who Needs a License?, License Types and Fees, Where to Buy a License, Licensing Help, and Licensing FAQs. The main content area includes a video player showing a couple fishing on a Massachusetts lake from a canoe, with a 'Learn More' link. Below the video is a section titled 'Online Purchase Requirements' with text about purchasing a Massachusetts Freshwater Fishing, Hunting or Sporting License, Saltwater Fishing Permit, Recreational Lobster Permit, or Check your Harvested Game online.

Click the **[Enter MassFishHunt]** button shown above.

2) To enter the **MassFishHunt** system, enter your **Last Name** and **Customer ID** number from your hunting/sporting license, antlered deer tag, or antlerless deer permit in the appropriate field and click **NEXT**. *Your Customer ID number can be found in the top left corner of your hunting/sporting license, antlered deer tag, or antlerless deer permit.*

Or you can enter your Last Name, First Name, D.O.B., and Postal Code below.



MassFishHunt

Welcome to the MassFishHunt Licensing system.

To maintain complete and accurate information, we need to know whether you are a new or existing customer. Please use one of the options below to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

Search by Customer ID

If you know your Customer ID, enter the required information and click next.

Last Name:* Customer ID:*

Search by Personal Information (NEW Customers, please use this option)

If you cannot provide the information requested above, or if you are a NEW customer, please use this option to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

Last Name:* Date Of Birth:*
MM/DD/YYYY

Plus at least one of the items below:

First Name: Postal Code:

Note: Asterisk (*) denotes required information.

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3) Once logged into the **MassFishHunt** system you can begin your online deer check; click on the **REPORT A HARVEST** button.

The screenshot displays the MassFishHunt system interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Log out, Customer Search, Messages, Reporting, Customer Main Menu, Change Password, and User Guide Help. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains the 'Customer Profile Summary' with fields for Customer ID (1384752), Last Name (Hunter), First Name (Deer), Middle Initial, Date of Birth (12/31/1974), Citizenship (US Citizen), Residency (Resident), and Residency Date. Below this are sections for 'Residence Address' (100 Fake Street, WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583), 'Mailing Address' (100 Fake Street, WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583), 'Hunter Education Records' (Basic), and 'Optional Information' (Gender: Male, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Blue, Height: 6' 0", Weight: 190, Email:). The right column contains the 'Customer Menu' with links: Edit Customer Information, License Inventory / Reprint, Privacy Policy, and Exit. A red text block on the right states: 'The customer swears under the pains and penalties of perjury that the personal information provided is accurate. The customer also understands that including false information in this application is against the law. Click the 'Enter Sales' button to acknowledge the customer's affirmation regarding the above statements and to make a purchase'. Below this text are two buttons: 'Enter Sales' and 'Report a Harvest'. A red arrow points from the left margin to the 'Report a Harvest' button. At the bottom, a copyright notice reads: '© Copyright 2011 - Active Outdoors - Version 1.9.19.19288. For questions regarding Hunting or Inland Fishing, please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife at (617) 626-1590. For questions regarding Recreational Saltwater Fishing, please contact the Division of Marine Fisheries at (617) 626-1520. For Internet licensing help, please contact Active Outdoors at (888) 773-8450. (Note: License Agents should call (866) 703-1926)'.

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Customer Profile Summary

Customer ID: 1384752
Last Name: Hunter First Name: Deer
Middle Initial: Suffix:
Date of Birth: 12/31/1974 Citizenship: US Citizen
Residency: Resident Residency Date:

Residence Address
100 Fake Street
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

Mailing Address
100 Fake Street
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

Hunter Education Records
Basic

Optional Information
Gender: Male Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue
Height: 6' 0" Weight: 190
Email:

Customer Menu
Edit Customer Information
License Inventory / Reprint
Privacy Policy
Exit

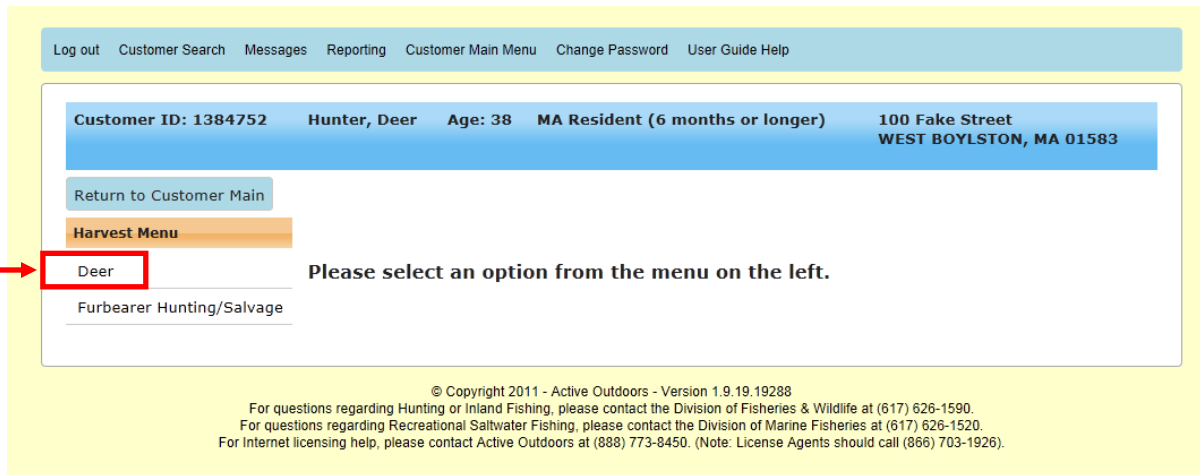
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Enter Sales

Report a Harvest

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4) Click the **Deer** option on the left side under **HARVEST MENU**. On this page, you may also see options to check other game (i.e., turkey, furbearers, etc.) during their respective seasons if you have the appropriate licenses or permits.



The screenshot shows the Active Outdoors web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Log out, Customer Search, Messages, Reporting, Customer Main Menu, Change Password, and User Guide Help. Below this, a blue header bar displays user information: Customer ID: 1384752, Hunter, Deer, Age: 38, MA Resident (6 months or longer), and 100 Fake Street, WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583. A button labeled 'Return to Customer Main' is located below the header. The 'Harvest Menu' is highlighted in orange. Under the 'Harvest Menu', the 'Deer' option is selected and highlighted with a red box, indicated by a red arrow from the instruction text. Below 'Deer' is the 'Furbearer Hunting/Salvage' option. To the right of the menu, the text 'Please select an option from the menu on the left.' is displayed. At the bottom, there is a copyright notice: © Copyright 2011 - Active Outdoors - Version 1.9.19.19288. Below this, there are three lines of contact information: 'For questions regarding Hunting or Inland Fishing, please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife at (617) 626-1590.', 'For questions regarding Recreational Saltwater Fishing, please contact the Division of Marine Fisheries at (617) 626-1520.', and 'For Internet licensing help, please contact Active Outdoors at (888) 773-8450. (Note: License Agents should call (866) 703-1926).'

5) You are now ready to begin your online game check for a harvested deer.

- a) If Antlered** - Click the **ADD** button next to **Antlered Deer** to begin checking the harvested antlered deer online. *If you do not have an antlerless deer permit, it will not show up.*

The screenshot shows a web interface for a customer with ID 1384752, a Hunter, Deer, Age 38, MA Resident (6 months or longer), living at 100 Fake Street, West Boylston, MA 01583. The interface includes a 'Harvest Menu' with two options: 'Deer' and 'Furbearer Hunting/Salvage'. Under 'Deer', there is a table with columns 'Year', 'Item Name', and 'Help'. The table lists '2013 Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long)' with an 'Add' button next to it. A red arrow points to this 'Add' button. Below the table, there is a section for 'Furbearer Hunting/Salvage' with an 'Add' button. At the bottom, there is a copyright notice for 2011 and contact information for the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Year	Item Name	Help
2013	Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long)	?

- b) If Antlerless** - Click the **ADD** button next to **Antlerless Deer** to begin checking the harvested antlerless deer online. *If you do not have an antlerless deer permit, this option will not show up.*

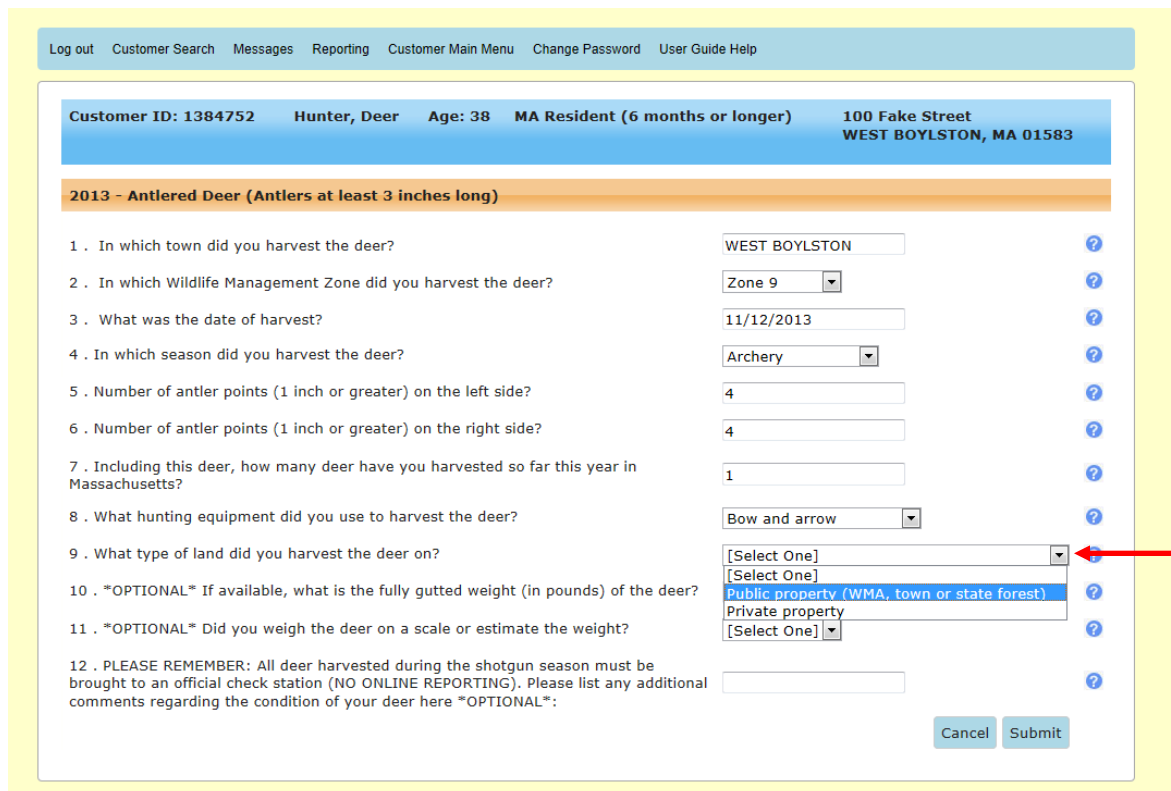
The screenshot shows the same web interface as above, but with the 'Add' button next to 'Antlerless Deer' highlighted by a red arrow. The table lists '2013 Antlerless Deer' with an 'Add' button next to it. The rest of the interface is identical to the previous screenshot.

Year	Item Name	Help
2013	Antlerless Deer	?

8) The **2013 DEER HARVEST REPORT** consists of a series of questions, many of which are multiple-choice. The first 8 or 9 questions (*depending on whether antlered or antlerless*) are required information, the rest regarding weight and comments are optional. You may need to examine the deer for some of these questions. Accurate responses to these questions provide DFW biologists important information used to evaluate and manage the statewide deer population. Please take a few minutes and answer each question accurately. Simply click in the box to the right of each question and enter or click on the appropriate response.

a) Antlered Deer Harvest Report

For antlered deer, enter the number of points (\geq than 1 inch long) on each side. *The main beam always counts as a point as long as it is at least 3 in. long, even if broken off where it meets a tine. The deer's right side would be on your left if looking at its face or on your right if holding the rack from the rear. In the rare case of an antlered female – denote this in question 12.*



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Customer ID: 1384752 Hunter, Deer Age: 38 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 100 Fake Street WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

2013 - Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long)

1 . In which town did you harvest the deer? WEST BOYLSTON ?

2 . In which Wildlife Management Zone did you harvest the deer? Zone 9 ?

3 . What was the date of harvest? 11/12/2013 ?

4 . In which season did you harvest the deer? Archery ?

5 . Number of antler points (1 inch or greater) on the left side? 4 ?

6 . Number of antler points (1 inch or greater) on the right side? 4 ?

7 . Including this deer, how many deer have you harvested so far this year in Massachusetts? 1 ?

8 . What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the deer? Bow and arrow ?

9 . What type of land did you harvest the deer on? [Select One] ?

10 . *OPTIONAL* If available, what is the fully gutted weight (in pounds) of the deer? [Select One] ?

11 . *OPTIONAL* Did you weigh the deer on a scale or estimate the weight? [Select One] ?

12 . PLEASE REMEMBER: All deer harvested during the shotgun season must be brought to an official check station (NO ONLINE REPORTING). Please list any additional comments regarding the condition of your deer here *OPTIONAL*:

Cancel Submit

b) Antlerless Deer Harvest Report

Enter the sex of the deer as either female, button buck (6-month old male), or sub-legal male (dropped or broken off antlers, or antlers less than 3 inches long).

The screenshot shows a web-based form for reporting an antlerless deer harvest. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Log out, Customer Search, Messages, Reporting, Customer Main Menu, Change Password, and User Guide Help. Below this, a header bar displays user information: Customer ID: 1384752, Hunter, Deer, Age: 38, MA Resident (6 months or longer), and address: 100 Fake Street, WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583. The main section is titled "2013 - Antlerless Deer" and contains 11 numbered questions. Each question has a corresponding input field or dropdown menu. To the right of each question is a blue question mark icon. At the bottom right, there are "Cancel" and "Submit" buttons.

Customer ID: 1384752 Hunter, Deer Age: 38 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 100 Fake Street
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

2013 - Antlerless Deer

1 . In which town did you harvest the deer? WEST BOYLSTON ?

2 . In which zone did you harvest the deer? Zone 9 ?

3 . What was the date of harvest? 11/12/2013 ?

4 . In which season did you harvest the deer? Archery ?

5 . What is the sex of the antlerless deer? Female ?

6 . Including this deer, how many deer have you harvested so far this year in Massachusetts? 1 ?

7 . What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the deer? Bow and arrow ?

8 . What type of land did you harvest the deer on? Public land (WMA, town or state forest) ?

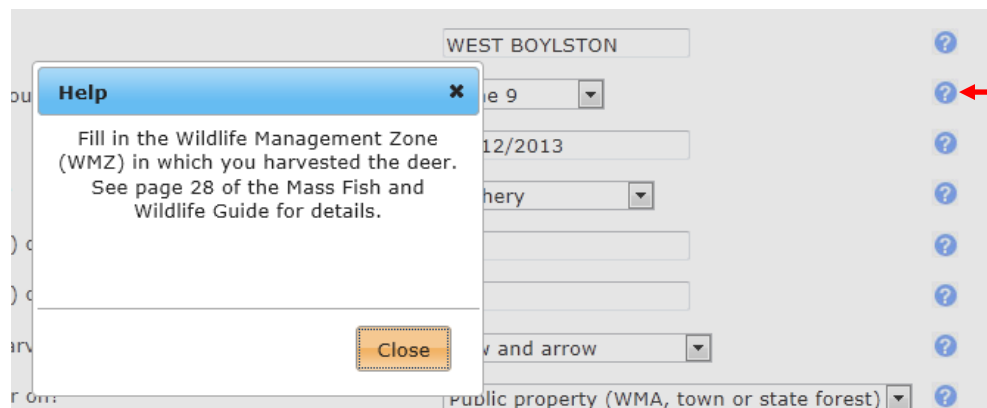
9 . *OPTIONAL* did you weigh the deer on a scale or estimate the weight? [Select One] ?

10 . *OPTIONAL* If available, what is the fully gutted weight (in pounds) of the deer? ?

11 . PLEASE REMEMBER: All deer harvested during the shotgun season must be brought to an official check station (NO ONLINE REPORTING). Please list any additional comments regarding the condition of the deer here
OPTIONAL:

Cancel Submit

a) Click on the question marks to the right of each question for additional information to help answer each question.



9) Once you have completed answering all questions, click the **SUBMIT** button. Please double-check to ensure that all required fields are accurately entered.

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Customer ID: 1384752 Hunter, Deer Age: 38 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 100 Fake Street
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

2013 - Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long)

1 . In which town did you harvest the deer? WEST BOYLSTON ?

2 . In which Wildlife Management Zone did you harvest the deer? Zone 9 ?

3 . What was the date of harvest? 11/12/2013 ?

4 . In which season did you harvest the deer? Archery ?

5 . Number of antler points (1 inch or greater) on the left side? 4 ?

6 . Number of antler points (1 inch or greater) on the right side? 4 ?

7 . Including this deer, how many deer have you harvested so far this year in Massachusetts? 1 ?

8 . What hunting equipment did you use to harvest the deer? Bow and arrow ?

9 . What type of land did you harvest the deer on? Public property (WMA, town or state forest) ?

10 . *OPTIONAL* If available, what is the fully gutted weight (in pounds) of the deer? ? ?

11 . *OPTIONAL* Did you weigh the deer on a scale or estimate the weight? [Select One] ?

12 . PLEASE REMEMBER: All deer harvested during the shotgun season must be brought to an official check station (NO ONLINE REPORTING). Please list any additional comments regarding the condition of your deer here *OPTIONAL*:

Cancel Submit

10) Click YES to confirm the submission on the pop-up. Before doing so, **make sure all the information provided is accurate** as you will not be able to edit any information after clicking YES. If you need to edit any information at this point, click NO and proceed to modify your entries, then click SUBMIT.

The screenshot displays the online deer reporting interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Log out, Customer Search, Messages, Reporting, Customer Main Menu, Change Password, and User Guide Help. Below this, a header bar shows the user's profile: Customer ID: 1384752, Hunter, Deer, Age: 38, MA Resident (6 months or longer), and address: 100 Fake Street, WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583. The main section is titled "2013 - Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long)". It contains a list of 12 questions with corresponding input fields. A confirmation pop-up is overlaid on the form, asking: "Once reports are submitted, no changes may be made. Are you sure you want to submit?". The pop-up has "No" and "Yes" buttons. A red box highlights the "Yes" button, and a red arrow points from the instruction text above to this button. The "Submit" button is visible at the bottom right of the form.

NOTE: If a required field is not filled in or there is a mismatch error (*i.e., town and zone do not match*) it will alert you of the error and will not continue to the confirmation number. Please double-check before entering your information.

This screenshot shows the same online deer reporting interface as the previous one, but with an error message at the top: "• The city entered does not exist in the selected zone." The user's profile information remains the same. In the "2013 - Antlered Deer" section, the first question "In which town did you harvest the deer?" has "WEST BOYLSTON" entered. The second question "In which Wildlife Management Zone did you harvest the deer?" has "Zone 2" selected. The error message indicates a mismatch between the town and the selected zone.

11) After completing the online game check, a unique **CONFIRMATION NUMBER** will be generated. It is required that **this confirmation number is written on the harvest tag** (on the harvested deer), where it shall remain until the deer is processed for food or taxidermy purposes. Butchers or taxidermists cannot accept any game without either an official seal or a harvest tag with a confirmation number.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for a hunting or fishing license system. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Log out, Customer Search, Messages, Reporting, Customer Main Menu, Change Password, and User Guide Help. Below this, a header section displays user information: Customer ID: 1384752, Hunter, Deer, Age: 38, MA Resident (6 months or longer), and address: 100 Fake Street, WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583. A 'Return to Customer Main' button is visible. The main content area is divided into a 'Harvest Menu' on the left (with options for Deer and Furbearer Hunting/Salvage) and a central area. A pop-up window titled 'IMPORTANT!' is centered on the screen, displaying the confirmation number 101931, which is highlighted by a red box and a red arrow. The pop-up also contains instructions for users to write the number on the tag and an 'Ok' button. Below the pop-up, a table titled 'Summary of Previously Submitted' shows a single entry with the confirmation number 101931, the item name '2013 Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long)', the location 'WEST BOYLSTON', the date '11/12/2013', and the time '1:53 PM'. The footer contains copyright information and contact details for the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

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Customer ID: 1384752 Hunter, Deer Age: 38 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 100 Fake Street
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

Return to Customer Main

Harvest Menu

Deer

Furbearer Hunting/Salvage

Summary of Previously Submitted

Confirmation# Harvest Item Name Submitted Time Submitted

View 101931 2013 Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long) WEST BOYLSTON 11/12/2013 1:53 PM

IMPORTANT!

Your confirmation number is 101931.

Deer, bear, or turkey: Write this confirmation number on the tag attached to the animal.

Furbearers: Make your own tag to attach to the animal which must include this confirmation number.

The confirmation number must remain attached to the animal until processed. See guide for details.

Ok

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Click on the **OK** button after you have recorded the confirmation number.

You must immediately write the confirmation number on the tag which is attached to the deer. The confirmation number is different from the transaction number that is on their receipt.

12) You can harvest 2 antlered deer per year and as many antlerless deer as you have valid permits for. Thus, once you submit 2 antlered deer harvest reports, you can no longer add an additional antlered deer harvest report. If you do not have an antlerless permit, the ADD option will not be available for an antlerless deer (won't show up). If you have filled your antlerless permit/s and have submitted your harvest report for that/those antlerless deer, you will no longer be able to choose an antlerless deer harvest report.

After submission, if an error was made on the harvest report, you can no longer edit it and must contact MassWildlife during business hours at 508-389-6300.

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Customer ID: 1384752 Hunter, Deer Age: 38 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 100 Fake Street WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

Return to Customer Main

Harvest Menu

	Year	Item Name	Help
Deer	2013	Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long)	?
Furbearer Hunting/Salvage			
		Why can't I select this item?	
Add	2013	Antlerless Deer	?

Print Submitted Harvest Report Summary

Summary of Previously Submitted Harvest Reports

	Confirmation#	Harvest Report Name	Town of Harvest	Date Submitted	Time Submitted
View	101933	2013 Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long)	WESTBOROUGH	11/13/2013	2:12 PM
View	101931	2013 Antlered Deer (Antlers at least 3 inches long)	WEST BOYLSTON	11/12/2013	1:53 PM

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13) The **MassFishHunt** system will store your submitted game checks and a copy can be re-printed at any time. To view the specific details of any one online harvest report, click the **VIEW** button/s. To view or print harvest reports at a later point in time, repeat steps 1-4.